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(57) Abstract: High-throughput functional screening assays are provided that identify genes and gene products that are associated with the pathogenesis of osteoarthritis (OA) in chondrocytes. In addition, genes and gene products identified by such functional assays are also provided. The genes and gene products provided herein are useful *inter alia* for diagnosing OA in individuals and as drug targets for identifying drugs to treat OA.

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 02/070737 A (ZHANG HONGWEI ; CHONDROGENE INC (CA); LIEW CHOONG-CHIN (CA); MARSHALL) 12 September 2002 (2002-09-12) claims 1-57; examples 4,10	1-14, 16-20
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X	<p>ABBASZADE I ET AL: "Cloning and characterization of ADAMTS11, an aggrecanase from the ADAMTS family" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTS, BALTIMORE, MD, US, vol. 274, no. 33, 13 August 1999 (1999-08-13), pages 23443-23450, XP002238291 ISSN: 0021-9258 page 23443, columns 1-2</p>	<p>1-14, 16-20</p>
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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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1-14, 16-20 (all partly)

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-14, 16-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker aggrecanase or aggrecan.

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2. claims: 1-14, 16-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker MMP-13.

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3. claims: 1-14, 16-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker collagen.

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4. claims: 1-14, 16-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker iNOS.

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5. claims: 1-14, 16-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker Cox-2.

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6. claims: 1-14, 16-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker decorin.

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7. claims: 1-13, 15-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker C17.

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8. claims: 1-13, 15-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker SMOC2.

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9. claims: 1-13, 15-20 (all partly)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker OSF-2.  
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10. claims: 1-13, 15-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker MARCKS.  
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11. claims: 1-13, 15-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker retinoic acid receptor beta.  
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12. claims: 1-13, 15-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker Zic1.  
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13. claims: 1-13, 15-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker BASP1.  
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14. claims: 1-13, 15-20 (all partly)

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing as a marker DIM1.  
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15. claims: 21-26

Methods for identifying nucleic acids associated with osteoarthritis employing a chondrocyte proliferation assay.  
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16. claims: 27-40 (all partly)

Methods for identifying individuals having osteoarthritis or compounds to treat the latter comprising a candidate gene from Table V.  
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17. claims: 27-40 (all partly)

Methods for identifying individuals having osteoarthritis or compounds to treat the latter comprising a candidate gene from Table VI.  
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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/SA/ 210

18. claims: 41-45 (all partly)

Pharmaceutical compositions comprising modulators of genes disclosed in Table V.  
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19. claims: 41-45 (all partly)

Pharmaceutical compositions comprising modulators of genes disclosed in Table VI.  
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20. claims: 46-47 (all partly)

Methods to treat, prevent, or ameliorate osteoarthritis comprising genes from the group disclosed in Table V.  
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21. claims: 46-47 (all partly)

Methods to treat, prevent, or ameliorate osteoarthritis comprising genes from the group disclosed in Table VI.  
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22. claim: 48

Diagnostic kit for detection of mRNA or protein levels comprising candidate gene from table V.  
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23. claim: 48

Diagnostic kit for detection of mRNA or protein levels comprising candidate gene from table VI.  
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